

**283—35.2 (261) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

*“Eligible school or agency”* means a public school district, area education agency, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school recognized and approved by the Iowa department of education.

*“Shortage area”* means a geographic or subject area in which there exists a teacher shortage as determined annually by the director of the Iowa department of education.

*“Teacher”* means an individual holding a practitioner’s license or a statement of professional recognition issued under Iowa Code chapter 272 and who is employed in a nonadministrative position by a school district or area education agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors under Iowa Code section 279.13. “Teacher” also includes a preschool teacher who is licensed by the board of educational examiners under Iowa Code chapter 272 and is employed by an eligible school or agency.

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